

- (ii) Oil fields entering the natural declining phase.
- (iii) Constraints in operating on account of law and order problems and insurgency.
- (iv) Frequent power shutdown in Eastern region affected artificial lift operations.
- (v) Stoppage of work in Nagaland.

The steps taken to boost exploration of crude oil and natural gas are-

- (i) Encouraging the participation of private/joint venture companies in oil exploration and development.
- (ii) Intensifying exploration of hydrocarbons and increasing reserves through seismic surveys, deep water exploration, acquisition of acreages/reserves abroad and exploration in frontier areas.

LPG Agencies

1792 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) the private agencies/outlets given permission/licence to sell LPG;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure maintenance of safety requirements/standard by such outlets;
- (c) whether any LPG bottling plants are located in Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any new LPG bottling plants are proposed to be set up in Kerala;
- (f) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) With the decanalisation of imports of LPG in April, 1993 followed by amendments of the relevant Control Order in August, 1993, no permission/licence is required by the interested parties for importing and marketing LPG in India at market determined prices; but they have to fulfil all other statutory requirements and applicable laws of the State/UT Govt. concerned.

(b) Marketing of both bulk and packed LPG under Parallel Marketing Schemes has to conform to the provisions of the amended LPG Control Order of August, 1993 and the applicable provisions of the SMPV Rules, 1981 (Unfired), OISD Guidelines for LPG Bottling Plants and Gas Cylinder Rules, 1981 etc.

(c) and (d). As per the information from Chief Controller of Explosives, one bottling plant has been granted licence in private sector in Kerala. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas does not monitor the licencing and operation of bottling plant in private sector.

Whereas PSU Oil Companies are concerned the following bottling plants are operating in Kerala :

Location	Existing Bottling Capacity (TMTPA)
Cochin	44
Trivandrum	44
Calicut	18
Palghat	10

(e) and (f). As per the information from CCOE, seven bottling plants have been approved by them in private sector in Kerala. Apart from above there are plants to set up one LPG bottling plant of 22 TMTPA capacity by IOC at Quilon in Kerala under VIII Plan period.

[Translation]

Indian Institute of Public Administration

1793. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government propose to close down the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount allocated to I.I.P.A. during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether any bungling or corruption case has been unearthed; and
- (e) if so, whether any bungling or corruption case has been unearthed; and
- (f) if so, the action taken against the corrupt officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a).

(c) The amount allocated to the Indian Institute of Public Administration for the last three years was as below :

	(Rs. in Lakhs)	
	Plan	Non-Plan
1993-94	45.00	115.99
1994-95	50.00	119.96
1995-96	35.00	197.80